Where Communication Studies Graduates are Now

ABC Television Network      Manager, Producer
American Airlines           Communication Engineers
Anthem Blue Cross           Sr. Account Manager
Bank of America             Asst. VP
Blue Shield                 National Account Rep
Children’s Hospital Colorado Aide
City of Boulder             Water Plant Chief
City of St. Cloud           Marketing Coordinator
City of Thornton            Communication Technician
Clear Channel               Assistant Program Director
Communications              CPC
Comcast                     TV Producer
Denver Health               Human Resources Assistant
Denver Police               Manager
DPS                        Principal
ESPN Radio                  Radio Producer
Greenhorn Valley News       Editor/Advertisement Manager
State Capital               Director of Communication
KABC 7                      News Writer/Producer
Time Warner Cable          Sr. Sales Support
United States Marine Corps  Attorney
United States Mint          Public Affairs Specialist
University of Denver        Director of Facilities & Operations

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Skills Most Sought After by Employers are learned in a Communication Major

Communications Skills (listening, verbal, written). By far, the one skill mentioned most often by employers is the ability to listen, write, and speak effectively. Successful communication is critical in business.

Analytical/Research Skills. Deals with your ability to assess a situation, seek multiple perspectives, gather more information if necessary, and identify key issues that need to be addressed.

Computer/Technical Literacy. Almost all jobs now require some basic understanding of computer hardware and software, especially word processing, spreadsheets, and email.

Flexibility/Adaptability/Managing Multiple Priorities. Deals with your ability to manage multiple assignments and tasks, set priorities, and adapt to changing conditions and work assignments.

Interpersonal Abilities. The ability to relate to your co-workers, inspire others to participate, and mitigate conflict with co-workers is essential given the amount of time spent at work each day.

Leadership/Management Skills. While there is some debate about whether leadership is something people are born with, these skills deal with your ability to take charge and manage your co-workers.

Multicultural Sensitivity/Awareness. There is possibly no bigger issue in the workplace than diversity, and job-seekers must demonstrate a sensitivity and awareness to other people and cultures.

Planning/Organizing. Deals with your ability to design, plan, organize, and implement projects and tasks within an allotted timeframe. Also involves goal-setting.

Problem-Solving/Reasoning/Creativity. Involves the ability to find solutions to problems using your creativity, reasoning, and past experiences along with the available information and resources.

Teamwork. Because so many jobs involve working in one or more workgroups, you must have the ability to work with others in a professional manner while attempting to achieve a common goal.
Speech Communication - Communication Theory Concentration, B.A.
Department of Communication Arts & Sciences, 303-556-3033, Central 120

This sheet applies to the 2014-15 catalog only. It does not replace the full catalog or departmental advising sheets as official statements of requirements. Students with declared majors must work with a faculty advisor on course selection and sequencing to ensure a timely graduation.

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*TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN FIRST 30 COLLEGE-LEVEL CREDIT HOURS

**Written Communication**

- ENG 1010 (3 hrs) Composing Arguments*
- or ENG 1008/1009 (6 hrs.) Intro to Composition, Parts 1 & 2*
- ENG 1020 (3 hrs) Freshman Comp: Analysis, Research, & Documt. (ENG 1020 must be completed within 45 credit hours)

**Oral Communication**

- SPE 1010 (3 hrs) Public Speaking

**Quantitative Literacy**

- (3 hrs)

**Arts and Humanities** May not be SPE courses.

- (3 hrs.)
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**Historical**

- (3 hrs.)

**Natural and Physical Sciences**

- (3 hrs.)
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**Social and Behavioral Sciences I**

- (3 hrs.)

**Social and Behavioral Sciences II** May not be a SPE course.

- (3 hrs.)

**Global Diversity** may be satisfied within General Studies. May not be a SPE course.

- (3 hrs.)

**MAJOR COURSES** See a Faculty Advisor in CAS department

*Note: C- or better required in all courses required for SPE majors.*

- SPE 1301 (3 hrs) The Communication Perspective (Comm Inquiry)
- SPE 2301 (3 hrs) Communication Theory
- SPE 3301 (3 hrs) Rhetorical Foundations of Communication
- SPE 4301 (3 hrs) Communication Ethics

**Communication Theory Concentration required courses:**

- SPE 1710 (3 hrs) Interpersonal Communication
- SPE 2720 (3 hrs) Nonverbal Communication
- SPE 3740 (3 hrs) Speech and Thought
- SPE 4790 (3 hrs) Comm Theory Building & Research Methodology (Sen Exp)

**Communication Theory Electives – Choose 18 hours with CAS advisor:**

- SPE 1020 (3 hrs) Communication in Action
- SPE 2400 (3 hrs) Electronic Media and Society
- SPE 2710 (3 hrs) Team and Group Communication
- SPE 2730 (3 hrs) Communication and Conflict
- SPE 2770 (3 hrs) Gender and Communication
- SPE 3170 (3 hrs) Interpersonal Negotiation
- SPE 3080 (3 hrs) Arguing Constructively
- THE 3200 (3 hrs) Performance of Literature I: Solo
- SPE 3760 (3 hrs) Diversity and Communication in the U.S.
- SPE 3770 (3 hrs) Family Communication
- SPE 3980 - Internship in Communication Studies Credits: 1-6
- SPE 4100 (3 hrs) Techniques of Persuasion
- SPE 4200 (3 hrs) Gender in Popular Culture
- SPE 431x (3 hrs) Trends in Communication Studies: Variable Topics
- SPE 4700 (3 hrs) Communication and the Trainer
- SPE 4760 (3 hrs) Communication and the Elderly
- Other SPE courses with the approval of the SPE advisor

- Multicultural Req may be satisfied in General Studies, major, minor, or electives

**MINOR (required)** Cannot be SPE minor

**ELECTIVES**